

Veteran GRANTS for Critical Home Repairs

“Assisting individuals and families to remain in their homes and live independently in a safe and sound environment”

City of Columbus Capital Improvement Initiative

BETTER MUNICIPAL CARE FOR VETERANS PROGRAM

There is no re-payment, application fee or initial deposit required for services provided through this program. There are no door-to-door solicitations or unannounced home visits.

City representatives are available to meet with homeowners *by appointment only*.

Better Municipal Care for Veterans Program Eligibility

Eligible geographic locations, properties and households are designated by the City of Columbus Department of Development under the guidance of funding sources, rules and regulations. All initiatives will be subject to the availability of funding.

Eligible veterans are those individuals who present a government record denoting his or her other than dishonorable discharge or release from active military, naval, or air service. Additional eligibility criteria and program guidelines are listed on the reverse side. The Chart below provides information on income qualifying criteria.

INCOME LIMITS FOR BETTER MUNICIPAL CARE FOR VETERANS PROGRAM

FAMILY SIZE	1 PERSON	2 PERSONS	3 PERSONS	4 PERSONS
120% of median income	\$65,500	\$74,900	\$84,250	\$93,600
FAMILY SIZE	5 PERSONS	6 PERSONS	7 PERSONS	8 PERSONS
120% of median income	\$101,100	\$108,600	\$116,050	\$123,550

Income limits effective June 28, 2019

DO I QUALIFY?

1. You must have owned and occupied the home for a minimum of one year prior to applying for funds.
2. The homeowner must be an eligible veteran; or, an owner-occupant with an eligible veteran whose permanent address is the same as the homeowner's and the eligible veteran is **not** a rental tenant of the homeowner.
3. You must be a household earning 120% or less of the area median income (AMI) as determined by HUD with adjustments for household size (see chart). Income of all adult occupants is counted.
4. Your mortgage payments and property taxes must be current at the time of application.

WHO DO I CALL?

The Better Municipal Care for Veterans Intake Line is 614-645-8526. Email questions to: Home_Safe_and_Sound@Columbus.gov.

DOES MY HOME QUALIFY?

1. You must own and live in a single family (one-unit) home located within the City of Columbus Corporate Limits.
2. Multi-family dwellings, mobile homes and/or properties being purchased under land contract agreements do not qualify.

WHAT MONEY IS AVAILABLE?

Applicants may be eligible for **Grants** of up to \$20,000 for home repairs depending on household income and other underwriting criteria. Financing is dependent on availability of funds. When it is determined the cumulative total of all repairs provided exceeds \$20,000 the **balance in excess** will be funded as a **zero-percent deferred loan due upon sale or transfer of the property title**.

WHAT KIND OF WORK CAN BE DONE ON MY HOME?

1. The Better Municipal Care for Veterans Program provides for prioritized essential home repairs. City staff will work with you to determine the priority and amount of work that is allowable under the Better Municipal Care for Veterans guidelines.
2. Funds can be used for work necessary to correct substandard, unsanitary or deteriorated condition(s). Types of repairs include correcting lead paint hazards, replacing roof and roofing elements; furnaces; hot water tanks; gas, water and sewer lines; minor electric; securing bowing/shifting basement walls.
3. Funds may also be used for health, safety, and accessibility work including but not limited to: installing smoke and carbon monoxide detectors, ramps, and handrails in accordance with City housing standards.

WHO DOES THE REPAIR WORK?

You will contract with a private, City-licensed contractor selected through a bidding process with contractors on the City's Better Municipal Care for Veterans Participating Contractor List.

HOW LONG BEFORE THE WORK IS COMPLETED?

The average home repair project from the time of application until completion of repairs is nine to twelve months.

WHAT IS REQUIRED OF ME, THE APPLICANT?

1. An applicant must submit a completed application and all requested documents to the City in a timely manner.
2. An applicant must work cooperatively with City staff and private contractors to ensure a successful home repair project.

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